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E. E. Holmes, sheriff-elect, is giving serious consideration to the make-up of his official family. He is bound by nobody or anything as to who his appointees will be. So he can be relied upon to make his best endeavors to give the county a corps of deputies that will be efficient and capable officers.

For the information of those who do not seem to know when the Congress elected last week will take up its duties we would say that, unless the President should call an extra session after next March, the new members will not get busy until December, 1923. The present Congress does not go out of business until March 4 next.

The big vote for Kennedy in the first district last week and the million-dollar alienation law suit now on in Burlington have been uppermost topics. Interest in discussing the former has greatly subsided, but not so with the latter. Not until the jury has rendered their verdict will there be a cessation of interest and discussion in that very remarkable lawsuit.

State's Attorney Tracy is re-elected by a small majority. His opponent, W. D. Strong, although not a lawyer, polled a good vote. This was because some thought Tracy did not follow up the rum element as closely as he should. Be this as it may, Tracy intimates that with the support that he now expects to receive from all quarters no guilty man will escape.

Senator Page has returned to Washington and again taken up his duties there, which, by the way, he has well looked after while at his home, aided by his efficient secretary on the ground. Vermont and Lamoille county in particular wish him continued good health and a pleasant time in finishing up his term of service at the capital, which will end next March.

Vermont weather is now exceptionally fine. The air—clear, crisp and invigorating—puts a splendid tinge upon humanity. The beautiful drives over excellent roads, in whichever direction you may go, with the best scenery "on God's green earth," makes you thankful that your lines are cast in such pleasant places. If you have an auto, take a drive; if you haven't, take a hike—the former is enjoyable, but the latter much better, when you take into consideration physical results.

Speakership stock for the next House is now in the air. The three most prominently mentioned are Bailey of Winoski, Martin of Plainfield and Grout of Newport. Bailey and Martin have had legislative experience as former members, and Grout has been around the State House considerable in an official capacity. Bailey is entitled to great consideration because he won out in a democratic stronghold; Martin is solid with the farmers, as he is head of the State Grange; Grout has an extensive acquaintance among the legal fraternity and is son of Ex-Speaker and Ex-Gov. Josiah Grout. May the best man win.

Of course Lamoille county is greatly pleased in the election of her honored citizen, F. G. Fleetwood, as a member of Congress. He will prove a worthy representative, having in mind not only the best interests of his party, but that of the nation, with an eye single to that of the State of Vermont. Many were deluded into voting for Kennedy, thinking wonderful results for the betterment of the liquor law might be attained thereby. It will take a mighty big avalanche to change that Volstead act—an act that is about as strongly sustained by democrats as republicans—and we believe the day is not far distant when those who thus voted will see the error of their ways.

Down in Orange county they have elected eight democrats to the General Assembly. Sure, this is going some—in Vermont. Lamoille county sends one of that faith. Politics are quite often "eschewed" when it comes to electing a representative and the best man is selected. This is generally the cause of a democrat being chosen. However, when the Legisla-

ture meets democrats and republicans get together and usually act for the best interests of the state. "So mote it be" with the coming Legislature.

Some men die hard, politically. Here is Colonel Gaston of Massachusetts, who ran against Henry Cabot Lodge for United States senator. He contests the election, notwithstanding Lodge beat him by several thousand. This so greatly disappoints Gaston, who expected to win by a big majority, that he puts his state to an enormous expense by contesting the result and demands a recount. Of course he will gain nothing by this. Let us hope that the result will be to him what the darkey said when he was about to be hanged. He was asked if he had anything to say before the trap was sprung. He said: "This will certainly be a great lesson to me."

LOCAL NEWS

NORTH HYDE PARK

Russell Johnson is on the sick list. Mrs. Kate Eastman has gone to St. Johnsbury, where she will stop with Mrs. Claude Mudgett for a few weeks.

Main street is being resurfaced with a heavy coat of gravel. Edgar Pratt has charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gates of Morrisville were visitors Sunday at D. S. McAllister's.

Willis Ruggles and son, Howard, and C. H. Kneeland and son, Claude, were visitors Saturday in Burlington.

Miss Arlie Bartlett was home over Sunday from Morrisville.

The ladies of the Mite Society will meet Thursday to sew for the sale and also will serve supper. The date of the sale has been set for Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sargent and children of Johnson visited at F. L. Sargent's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hodge of Eden visited the former's father, Harlan Hodge, Sunday.

George McAllister was a visitor in Stowe Sunday.

The W. R. C. held a special meeting last Friday. Mrs. Niles and Mrs. Wallace of Morrisville were present. A dinner was served at noon.

C. E. Pratt and family went Tuesday to their new home in Haydam, Conn. They made the trip by auto, E. C. Page carrying them. C. L. Foss accompanied the party.

C. H. Stone of Fair Haven came Tuesday for a week's visit among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Elinus Smith of Burlington visited friends here Tuesday.

Perley Foss was a visitor in Barre the first of the week.

Herbert Robertson and Fenno Grimes have returned to their work in Middlesex after a week of deer hunting.

George McAllister is the only lucky hunter thus far in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Crocker visited a few days in Morrisville the first of the week.

Mrs. L. W. Flanders, who has been ill, is not as well.

GARFIELD

Mrs. L. A. Davis, who has been spending two weeks with friends in Jeffersonville, Morrisville and East Hardwick, returned home Friday.

Miss Berneta Green is assisting with the work on Davis Hill.

Max Flanders and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey attended a masquerade ball at Mansonsville, P. Q., Oct. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Davis and son and Mrs. Arlie Butterfield of Morrisville and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey of this place visited friends in Montpelier and Northfield Nov. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey attended a dance at North Hyde Park Friday night.

Mrs. David Talman has been spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Perley Trescott.

OBERT HILL

Hobart Manning has finished cutting logs.

A. W. Lanpher has taken a log job of H. C. Parker of Johnson.

Miss Evelyn Sanborn of Eden spent the week-end at Cleo Parson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chellis Collins and two children of Johnson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Ober.

George Whitney was the lucky hunter in this vicinity. He secured a fine large deer Thursday.

E. C. Westover was a Sunday visitor at Edwin Parker's at Johnson Plot.

ITHIEL FALLS

Frank Davis was in Cambridge Saturday and Monday.

Miss Janie K. Holmes was a recent visitor at the home of Carroll Manchester.

There are many deer hunters, but none have reported their success in getting a deer as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fletcher and children of Richford have been passing a few days at the home of Gerald Davis.

Mrs. Flora Batchelder of Underhill is visiting her brother, E. M. Davis.

Card of Thanks

To those who by their sympathy, kindly acts and gifts of beautiful flowers so kindly remembered us during the sickness and death of our dear sister and cousin, we would at this time express our hearty thanks and appreciation.

W. J. Fitch.
The Bugbee Family.
Mrs. W. F. Baxendale.

FELCHERVILLE

Four more Jersey cows have been added to the flock at Jersey Land. They were gotten up north.

A great many Christmas trees go through and Mr. Owen cut a load or two of poles to stack the cars. One load he drew came to \$16.

Water is down very low at the plant. We need rain and plenty of it. Mr. Jones has a house form up and the old house moved round for a shed. He bought the Lucius Boyes place. It will make a pretty home when furnished.

Mr. Chatten is out thrashing up Ober Hill way.

Monday morning Charley Pratt, wife and little ones started for Connecticut. He lived for years in Felcherville and all wish him the best of luck in the new undertaking. He is leaving all his friends behind. He is going to work on a milk farm and if he has good health all will go well, for Charley has no fear of work. Still the weather holds fine. Never saw the beat of it, all the old ones say.

At Brooklands, the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Bessey, they entertained A. R. Day, wife and daughter, and Mrs. Carroll Styles of Jericho, last week. Miss Gertie intends to stay a week.

Miss Bixby is having her scholars make a quilt. She intends to sell it to the highest bidder. She is anxious to get the hot meals started. All ought to help her and will, I know.

The Battle Row schoolhouse is on its new foundation and will make a neat little home. It is built about four rods from where the old house stood. They want to stay it with guy ropes, for I have seen the wind sweep through there 40 knots an hour.

Armistice Day was observed at our school by a fine program: Pieces, songs and drills, and a nice lunch of cake and cocoa. The parents are really taking an interest and now we are going to give the little folks a real Thanksgiving dinner. The Larkin order was the thing. We will have our chair and thanks for the help we received from all.

Miss Elizabeth Noyes was home for the week-end. Of course, there was joy on Fitch Hill.

Miss Cantell and little daughter returned home Friday and her mother, Mrs. Oscar Whitcomb, went down with her. Sam Manley kindly took them with his car.

Gardner Lucas has been working the past week for Sial Griswold.

Helen Woodward was home for Saturday.

Fred Parrott had a party the past week. Cards and dancing whiled away the evening. Gardner Lucas played.

Mr. Decell is drawing Christmas trees for Mr. Griswold.

Well, how did you like the election? Can't suit all, but can have fun finding fault with what your party does. Just make our taxes lighter and you will be forgiven all little blunders.

Oscar Whitcomb took his team Monday morning and drove to Jeff to bring back Mrs. Whitcomb. Roads were like pavements. Came up home in two hours. Not too bad for a farm horse.

Callers at the old plastered house last week were Mr. and Mrs. Skinner and Miss Mary and Ann of Brockton, Mass., Miss Madeline Whitcomb and Miss Effie Jones of the town.

They have been regravelling part of the road. Those that own autos will be glad.

The farmers have been having a few carloads of grain arrive.

Mrs. Tipedo was called to Rumford, Me., by the dangerous sickness of her mother. The children are cared for by Mrs. Shoran.

Will Larock and family were Sunday callers at his brother's, John.

Mr. Labell has been chopping for John Larock.

Mr. May has had a new pump put in at the Stowell farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour were business callers in Morrisville Friday.

Madlin Baker spent the week-end at Fairview farm with her friend, Mrs. Grimes.

Mrs. Nell Shaw passed a day lately with her cousin, Charles Bliss.

EDEN

The representative which was elected last week Tuesday, E. E. Hinds, will give an election dance at the Mt. Norris hall Friday night of this week. Everybody is invited.

There are only two lucky deer hunters so far, Henry Hinds and Clifton Rowell.

Beulah Whittemore was at home from her school at Hyde Park over Sunday.

Mrs. Sue Shattuck and daughter, Vivian, were at A. E. Sargent's Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Dierlam preached an interesting sermon last Sunday appropriate to Armistice Day. There was a good number present.

An interesting Farm Bureau meeting was held here Friday. Millinery work was taken up.

McKINSTRY HILL

Mr. Chatten did George Stewart's thrashing last week.

A few from the Hill attended the Pratt auction Thursday.

Harold Bedell has been helping Jim Boylan for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bedell of Stowe were visitors on the Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Clark returned to their home in St. Johnsbury Sunday.

Harry Sears and sister of Morrisville were callers on the Hill Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva Wheeler went to Morrisville Wednesday to work for Mrs. Harry Sears.

STOWE

The Busy Bee met with Mrs. Maudie Butts Thursday afternoon. The next meeting will be held Dec. 14 with Mrs. W. W. Adams and Mrs. A. M. Snow.

Where Your Taxes Go

How Uncle Sam Spends Your Money in Conducting Your Business

By EDWARD G. LOWRY

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HAPHAZARD EXTENSION

The Department of Agriculture is one instance of how governmental establishments grow and spread and extend their activities, once they get started. The bureau of fisheries, in the Department of Commerce, is another. It had a modest beginning, and not so very long ago. Prior to 1871 there was no branch of the federal government especially charged with the consideration of fishery affairs.

Several of the states had established fish commissions and these state authorities, supported by private interests, began to agitate for a national bureau devoted to fishery interests.

So it came about that by 1871 Congress was ready to yield and begin to make appropriations. The first one was for \$5,000 and provided for a commissioner of fish and fisheries to prosecute investigations and inquiries "with the view of ascertaining whether any and what diminution in the number of food fishes of the coast and in the lakes of the United States has taken place; and also whether any and what protective, prohibitory or precautionary measures should be adopted in the premises; and shall report upon the same to Congress."

The commissioner was to draw no pay, for it was provided by Congress in the same joint resolution that he should be a civil officer of the government, of proved scientific and practical acquaintance with the fishes of the coast, who should serve without additional compensation. The then assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, by name Spencer Fullerton Baird, was chosen as the best man for the job, and so he proved to be. He made the little acorn grow. He was industrious and competent and knew how to get along with Congress. He was diligent and he stood before kings. See what happened.

Remember, he started out with \$5,000 to discover whether there had been any diminution of the supply of food fishes along the coasts or in the lakes. He was at the head of an independent investigation and reported directly to Congress. The thing was kept alive by annual appropriations as an independent institution until 1903, when it was incorporated into the newly formed Department of Commerce and Labor as the bureau of fisheries.

By 1909 the annual appropriation had grown to \$803,920, and the bureau had a permanent personnel of 325. At that time the land owned and occupied by the bureau at its fish cultural and biological stations had an aggregate area of over 12,000 acres, with a value of \$240,000. The improvements and equipment at these stations represented an investment of more than \$1,000,000. Other property of the bureau at that time included four sailing steam and sail vessels, 20 steam launches and 150 small sail, power and rowboats, with equipment had a value of \$300,000. Its six fish-transportation cars were valued at \$45,000. Indeed, the total investment of the government in fishery-service property ran to about \$1,585,000. That was back in 1909.

Well, it hasn't stopped growing; bigger and busier than ever, as the advertisements say. The appropriation by Congress for the fiscal year 1919 was \$1,183,140, and for 1921, \$1,207,110. Besides what Congress gave, the President allotted in 1918 and 1919, out of his private fund "for the national security and defense," \$100,000. With the years of its growth and increasing funds the bureau had taken on many new functions and activities.

Until recently the bureau was administering to the best of its ability the laws relating to the terrestrial and arboreal bearers of Alaska, but the duty was incongruous to its legitimate functions. Congress finally conceded that the pursuit of foxes does not constitute a fishery. The cultivation of minnows cannot be successfully conducted in a fish hatchery.

Apparently, as so many other establishments under the executive branch have, the fisheries service had become all cluttered up with duties and jobs it is not fitted or equipped to handle.

All of which is a long, long way from an investigation of the possible diminution of food fish along the coast.

I don't pretend to say of the fisheries bureau that it has performed inefficiently either its proper work or the added activities that have been imposed upon it. For all I know it may be and is a great national blessing, and managed with maximum skill, intelligence and real economy. I hope it is.

I cite it here only as an example of a branch of governmental activity that has grown up haphazard from a small beginning to be a great, costly, far-spreading enterprise that by its own confession is overlaid with duties, functions and activities unrelated to its legitimate and essential work—the care, propagation and supply of all manner of food fish.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE FRANK MONDELL (WYOMING), REPUBLICAN FLOOR LEADER

When the newly elected Republican Congress was convened in special session April 11, 1921, the nation was still legally at war with the Central Powers of Europe and the domestic problems confronting the country were of greater magnitude than any previous administration in the history of the United States had ever been called upon to solve.

The President and the Congress had a well-defined program of rehabilitation and reconstruction. In his address opening the special session of Congress the President asked the passage of a resolution declaring a state of peace between the United States and the Central Powers. He urged, in addition, the enactment of an emergency tariff, a permanent tariff, the creation of a budget system; legislation providing relief to agricultural interests; federal aid to public highways; a new tax law which would lessen the burden of public taxation and eliminate excess profits taxes; a consolidation of the various government agencies handling relief for ex-service men; a maternity and infancy welfare law; a law to punish lynching by federal statute; encouragement for and regulation of cable and radio service; and, above all else, rigid economy in appropriations for the operating expenses of the Government.

The best and the conclusive answer as to whether or not the Republican Congress has co-operated with the Republican President in carrying out the program is the citation of the record of accomplished acts. The Emergency Tariff was a law May 27. The resolution terminating a state of war between the United States and the Central Powers was in full force and effect July 2. The Budget Law was in force and effect June 10, in time to apply to the new fiscal year beginning July 1. The Sweet Bill to co-ordinate all agencies dealing with ex-service men was a law by August 9.

In order to assist the agricultural interests the Congress amended the War Finance Corporation Act, which provided a round billion dollars of new credit for agricultural and live-stock interests; passed the Packers and Stockyards Act, the Capper-Tucker Act to regulate grain exchanges and the Nelson-Curtis Act, which increased the funds available for farm loans in the sum of \$25,000,000.

It enacted the Maternity and Infancy Welfare Act. It appropriated

\$75,000,000 for federal aid in building of public highways. It enacted a law for the protection of American owned cable and radio service. It enacted a new tax measure, which reduces the public taxation for the current year in the sum of \$818,000,000, the bulk of which is saved to the man of medium income.

In addition to enacting the Budget Law creating the Budget Bureau, under which all economies which have been made by executive departments were made possible, the Congress, upon its own initiative, cut over \$300,000,000 from appropriations requested by various departments and boards, thus carrying out the President's desire for rigid economy.

In addition to carrying out the President's program it enacted a restrictive immigration law. It amended the Edge Act in order to facilitate America's foreign trade. It reorganized the Philippine financial system in order to save the islands from bankruptcy as a result of maladministration under the Wilson regime. It reorganized the Indian Bureau and reorganized the Postal Service and readjusted salaries in that department. In fulfillment of the President's request, the House passed a permanent tariff measure—the Fordney Bill. The House also passed the Dyer Bill, which makes lynching a federal offense and provides for federal punishment of that crime.

In his annual message to Congress in December, the President made supplementary recommendations, among them being the enactment of a co-operative marketing law; the appropriation of funds to relieve the famine in Russia; the creation of a commission to handle the refunding of our foreign loans; and the enactment of legislation to stop the issuance of tax-exempt securities.

Every one of these recommendations has been enacted into law with the exception of the one regarding the issuance of non-taxable securities and a bill to carry that recommendation into effect is now well on its way through Congress.

This record shows that the House co-operated with the President exactly 100 per cent. In enacting such legislation as he recommended—a record of co-operation between the executive and legislative branches of Congress which has no equal in the annals of American legislation.

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